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ABSTRACT

This report by the Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) describes its organization and activities and also library developments in Mississippi under the Library Services and Construction Act for the fiscal year 1973. The long range goals are listed as well as the resources development and services which the MLC has undertaken. The recent staff reorganization is described and an organization chart of the MLC is provided. The wor' load statistics, organization and activities of the centralized technical processing center are presented. Some of the services of the MLC are: collection development assistance for public libraries, information services to organizations and individuals and library service to institutionalized, handicapped and disadvantaged persons. Special projects include the Sunflower/Boliver County Library Project which cooperated with other agencies to provide service to the disadvantaged through Adult Education, Neighborhood Serivce Centers, Head Start, a MAILIBRARY program and a library internship program. The status of library construction in Mississippi is outlined. Detailed cost and funding information is given for each activity as well as population characteristics where applicable. (JG)



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LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The LONG RANGE PROGRAM FOR LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT IN MISSISSIPPI set four major goals:

- I. To promote and to aid the development of adequate library service throughout Mississippi to meet the general and specialized needs of all its residents.
- II. To develop and support at the state level a strong administrative agency that can fulfill a role of leadership in planning, evaluating, assisting, and coordinating total library development in Mississippi as is required to meet the needs of the people.
- III. To create an active awareness of the available and potential materials and services that can be provided through libraries.
- IV. To seek and adequately provide materials and services that are relevant to special segments of the state's population.



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6. Other Expenses	9,203	\				
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# STRENGTHENING THE STATE AGENCY

The major emphasis for Fiscal Year 1973 has been on strengthening the state agency so that it can provide more effective leadership in the development of both local and statewide library service.

Activities to strengthen the state agency involved personnel, resource development, centralized purchasing and processing, and information service.

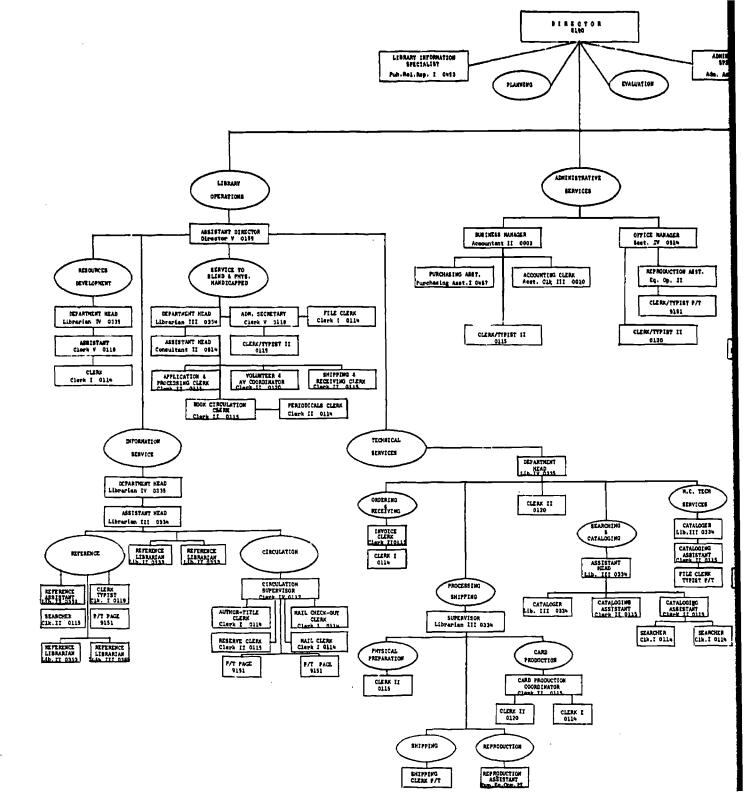
#### **PERSONNEL**

Staff reorganization of MLC was basically accomplished in FY 1973, although not all positions have been filled. Evaluation and reorganization is continuing as needed.

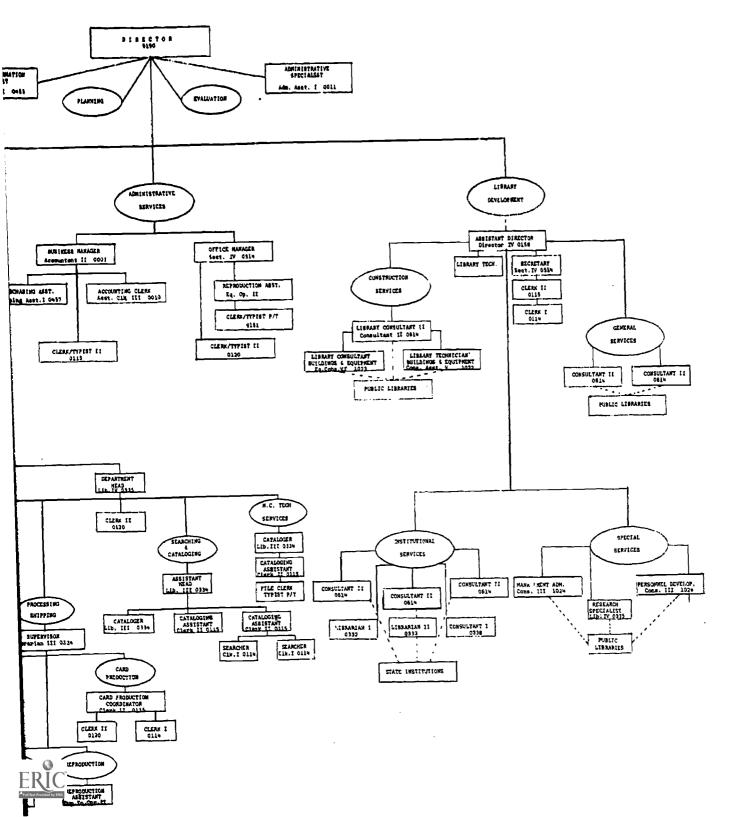
The chart on the following page shows the latest revision bringing the work elements of MLC under one of two divisions, Library Development, and Library Operations. The position of Assistant Director, Library Development, was filled in FY 1973; the position of Assistant Director, Library Operations will be filled in early FY 1974.

Planned for early FY 1974 with funds from the state are the positions of Library Information Specialist, Management and Administration Consultant, Personnel Development Consultant and Research Specialist. The new organization should increase both the efficiency and effectiveness of all MLC departments.





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#### RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

The FY 1973 book budget of \$68,740 was less than half that available the preceding year. This reduction coupled with inflation impeded progress toward the development envisioned in the Long Range Program. Postponed of necessity were (1) purchase of back-file periodicals on microfilm and (2) expansion of the meagre film collection.

Purchased, however, were 13,227 volumes (19,916 in FY 1972), 27 new periodical titles (11 new in 1972), and 15 additional periodical titles on microfilm (16 added in 1972).

MATERIALS ADDED 1973

ITEM		NO. ADDED FY 1973	DISCARDED	HOLDINGS AT END OF FY 1973
Books		(7,182 title	es) 3512	344,778
Periodical titles (paper) Periodical titles (microfilm)	27 15			338 125
Motion picture films	3			59
Audio tapes	. 3			173
Recordings	81			1,149
Slide sets	7			37
Filmstrips	215			1,295
Paintings	0			6
Study Prints	12			26
Transparencies	0	_ <del></del>		18
TOTAL A-V	321			2,763



# **Books** Leased

To fill requests from public libraries, 453 additional volumes were leased from Anco. Some were loaned to Oakland and Coffeeville to supplement their collections. During the year, 1496 of the leased volumes were exchanged with Anco for other titles; 510 were purchased.

#### Book Pool

Public libraries continued to send MLC books no longer needed locally.

Selected titles were placed in the book pool to fill anticipated requests from other libraries.

# Assistance in Local Collection Development

A \$12,000 basic book collection was selected, ordered, and processed for Quitman County for its expanded service. On request, the list was sent to other public libraries for use in book selection. Fifteen book collections drawn from the MLC collection were placed on long term loan in new or expanded public libraries.

Record collections were selected, ordered, and processed for Copiah-Jefferson Regional, Madison County, and Quitman County.

Winter and summer issues of the list of selected books added to the MLC collection were sent to all public library administrative units.

# Other Services

Order information for books was supplied on request to state agencies and individuals. Occasional assistance was given in locating out-of-print books.



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#### TECHNICAL PROCESSES

#### Work Load

The centralized processing center provides standardized processing for 3 state agencies, 12 institutions, and 25 public libraries or library systems serving 37 counties. For these in 1973 it ordered 27,278 titles (down from 31,987 in 1972), cataloged 16,064 new titles (down from 19,684), and physically prepared 54,847 books and audio-visual materials (down from 66,359) for 41 Mississippi libraries (up from 39).

The number of volumes ordered by public libraries rose slightly, but the reduction in MLC's book budget caused book purchases to decline from 48,738 in 1972 to 37,661 in 1973. Titles ordered on separate orders declined from 31,987 to 27,278.

The center also processed 6961 gift books, provided card sets, pockets, book cards and spine labels for 5415 "No Books" requests, and sent 54% of the total orders through to be precataloged. For 35% of the books ordered the center had card kits awaiting the books upon their arrival.

The cost of processing supplies per book was \$.156. A study of 1972 costs showed the average cost of processing a book from ordering to shipping to be \$1.846.



# MEMBER LIBRARIES

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Public Libraries	Books	<u>A-V</u>
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East Mississippi Regional	1,738	
Holmes County	978 300	
Humphreys County	390	
Jennie S. Smith	1,492	
Judge George W. Armstrong	1,233	
Kemper-Newton	3,876	
Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin	2,361	
Madison County	539	
Neshoba County	10	
Oakland	40	
Oktibbeha County	1,107	
Pike-Amite	2,075	
Pine Forest Regional	1,823	
Quitman County	1,391	
Rankin County	1,832	
Ricks Memorial	1,554	
Shelby Memorial	568	
Sunflower County	3,865	
Walthall County	9	
Washington County	1,380	
Water Valley	365	
Wilkinson County	642	
TOTAL PUBLIC	33,294	
State Agencies		
Department of Public Welfare	87	
State Law Library	4,513	
School Library Services (Dept.of Education)	1,610	
TOTAL OTHER STATE AGENCIES	6,210	٠.
Institutions		
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East Mississippi State Hospital	238	20
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# **Organization**

The centralized processing center is organized into 4 sections: ordering and receiving, searching and cataloging, physical processing and shipping, and MLC technical services.

The ordering and receiving section compiles, files, and mails weekly the order slips received from member libraries and upon receipt of the books verifies the invoices against each shipment and initiates any required corrective correspondence.

The searching and cataloging section checks each title against the official catalog and searches for cataloging copy for titles not previously cataloged. Each new title is cataloged and classified.

The physical processing and shipping section types and offset prints the catalog cards, book cards, and pockets; labels, pastes, and jackets each book; and ships books to member libraries.

The MLC technical services section prepares the MLC shelflist, files card sets, maintains the holdings record in the public catalog, makes corrections,



initiates re-classifications, maintains the MLC "Last Copy Withdrawn" file, and catalogs audio-visual and reference materials purchased for the MLC collection.

#### Other Activities

Center members met on February 6, 1973, to discuss synchronization of ordering, the percentage of its materials budget being spent by each member through the center, notification to the center of withdrawal of center-cataloged titles, and the possibility of changing the age group for juvenile non-fiction. During the remainder of the year, member communication was conducted by bulletin.

The department head spoke at the Mississippi Library Association Public

Library Section about the functions of the MLC centralized processing center and the future of centralized processing in Mississippi.

In February, 1973, the center moved to a new location. In the two weeks required for the move, experienced staff worked on special projects with the public catalog, including a revision of filing to conform with ALA rules.



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#### INFORMATION SERVICES

The information services department is at the hub of a cooperative network of public libraries and three universities -- a network used to request, acquire, and dispense information more quickly than before the network. This information goes to the citizen via his public library, or directly to legislators, other elected officials, and state department employees for job-related purposes.

The network operates from MLC through an outgoing Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) and a teletype hookup of the three universities and the R&D Center, both funded through MLC. Requests are received from public libraries on a regular schedule of twice-weekly calls to libraries or headquarters units of regional systems. About 85% of requests are received through regular WATS calls; others come by mail or toll free telephone.

#### Information services also:

- 1. Recommends to Resources Development books and periodicals for purchase
- 2. Does professional research for all MLC departments
- 3. Assists in weeding the collection
- 4. Sends out long term loan collections assembled by Resources Development
- 5. Sends out library materials on short term loan
- 6. Reserves books in circulation or on order at the time of request
- 7. Maintains books stacks in the regular collection and the book pool
- 8. Works with Educational Media Services, State Department of Education, in the Book Examination Circuit of advance copies of new children's books
- 9. Selects, orders, and processes state and federal government documents



- 10. Maintains the magazine file
- 11. Locates out-of-print books to fill loan requests
- 12. Delivers mail, supplies, and "rush" material to other MLC departments

# BOOK AND FILM CIRCULATION

FY		BOOKS		FILMS
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# REFERENCE REQUESTS

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^{*}These represent some requests held over from the previous fiscal year.

# SAMPLE REQUESTS

USER	REQUEST
Municipality	Duties of a town Marshall for Oktibbeha County
Club	Location of slides, films, or filmstrips on historic houses in Mississippi for a club in Lee County
Youth	Material on how to raise a hawk for a young patron



MLC Staff Delphi technique of forecasting development

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Other Staff Agency Evaluation of Remington Rand's "Remark

(Remeard) Machine" - a microfiche machine -

for State (Law) Library

Industry Rate of water evaporation from brine solution

and how to compute (needed by Brown-Miller

Pickle Industry) - referred to Univ. of Southern

Miss. where Professor called patron

Technologist Recent information on lighter than air aircraft

for inventor in Sunflower County

Inmate of Institution Blanton's ART OF REAL HAPPINESS - book requested

by a first offender at State Penitentiary

The Press Commercial use of Marijuana plant - needed

for editorial material for local newspaper

Businessman How to start a plant nursery business -

Lumberton businessman through Pine Forest

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Student School or schools to go to study to be a radio

or TV announcer needed by patron in Laurel

Lawmaker Copy of the "Roster of the National Conference

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# SERVICE TO SPECIAL GROUPS

#### SERVICE TO INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS

MLC provided librarians for five institutions and persuaded the public library at Laurel to provide service to the South Mississippi State Hospital, using the long term loan collection in that institution. One consultant from the Commission presented a weekly program in another institution.

The Commission held quarterly workshops to provide in-service training for all institutional librarians and to show what was being done in five institutions. Workshops held were:

September 5, 1972 - Columbia Training School
December 5, 1972 - University Hospital, Jackson
March 28, 1973 - Miss. School for the Deaf, Jackson
May 29, 1973 - Miss. State Hospital, Whitfield

The sharp reduction in federal funds resulted in the purchase of the lowest number of books, periodicals, and audio-visual materials in any year since the program began. To meet additional needs of the institutions, interlibrary loans, short term loans, and donated books were used.

None of the badly-needed audio-visual equipment could be purchased. Nor was there money to buy the shelving, furniture, or equipment needed to begin library service at the Natchez Charity Hospital.

# PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

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#### SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The department of service for the blind and physically handicapped, through the public libraries, served 2,347 persons. At the end of FY 1973 2,006 readers were being served as individuals. An estimated 800 more persons were served through institutions. Of the 80 institutions served, 56 received materials during the last six months of the fiscal year.

#### Materials and Staff

The materials collection numbers 27,152 books: 21,390 on phonograph records, 1584 in Braille, 1310 on open reel tape, and 2868 on cassette tape. Most (1,971) patrons used the phonograph records, 468 used cassettes, 53 used open reel tape, and 153 used Braille books. Periodicals available in various formats for the handicapped totaled 128 titles: 37 mailed from Jackson and 91 mailed by the national distributors. Most of the books and magazines are provided by the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Large print books are usually provided directly by local public libraries, most of which are provided by MLC on long term loan.

At the end of the year the department had two professional and eight clerical employees. Temporary workers augmented the staff during the final quarter.

# Circulation

Circulation increased from 72,305 in 1972 to 83,127 in 1973.

#### Readers' Advisory and Reference Services

Circulation handles routine book selection. Circulation clerks select over 50% of the books mailed, using reader interest forms, biographical information about the patron, and any previous requests as guides. Patrons'



handicaps often require that they have assistance in making requests.

Author-title and subject requests, if not available in recorded formats,

can often be supplied in print by Information Services for recording or

reading to the patron by volunteers.

#### Other services included:

- Preparation of subject bibliographies for institutions or individuals, and for use in routine book selection
- Information to handicapped students on sources of textbooks in usable formats
- Information on sources of aids and specialized material for the handicapped
- Provision in suitable formats of religious materials from outside sources

# Consultant Services

Informal consultant services included contact with public librarians on reader needs, publicity, application procedures, and issuance of equipment, and consultation with rehabilitation personnel and institutional librarians throughout the state.

Formal consultant activities included a demonstration on library service to the handicapped at the University of Mississippi on January 22, 23, 1973: a visit to the department from a special education class from the University of Southern Mississippi on January 31, 1973; participation in a workshop on service to the aged on April 13, 1973; and representation of the service to visitors at the opening of the new Lowndes County Library on May 6, 1973.



# **Volunteer Services**

Services by volunteers play a vital role in the operation of this department. Plans made in the early part of the fiscal year to recruit additional volunteers included visits to churches, speeches at club meetings, appearances on television, and newspaper, television, and radio announcements. Training sessions for volunteers were set up as the need arose. Because the radio and television publicity was near the end of the fiscal year, most of the volunteers attracted were registered for the following fiscal year. Five additional people were added during FY 1973 as volunteer recorders. Sixteen volunteers served by reading directly to the blind. Fourteen volunteers have visited in homes or nursing homes, have performed clerical work in the department or assisted with public demonstrations.

The Telephone Pioneers continued their ongoing program of repairing, delivering, and demonstrating talking book and cassette machines. After a visit to the annual meeting of the Telephone Pioneer Life Members, interest has been shown in the Pioneers' expanding their volunteer service to include projects in addition to repairing machines. The Vice President/ General Manager and Personnel Supervisor of the Telephone Life Members and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi chapter of the Telephone Pioneers visited our department for a firsthand look at the service of the handicapped in connection with the work of the Telephone Pioneers.

#### Public Relations and Conferences

A slide program on library service to the handicapped in Mississippi was developed and shown on six occasions, including the May 18, 1973, Southern



MISSISSIPPI FISCAL YEAR 1973

Conference of Librarians for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Daytona Beach, Florida.

In June, 1973, the first quarterly issue of a large print newsletter was distributed to patrons and librarians.

Public librarians were provided with demonstration materials on request for National Library Week, National Employ the Handicapped Week, library openings, day-to-day demonstrations, and year round display.

The Lions of Mississippi have a special interest in the blind. Activities involving the Lions included sending materials and information to Lions Clubs and to local librarians scheduled to speak to Lions Clubs, a speech by the MLC Director to the Cleveland Lions Club, staff meetings with local Lions Clubs, and a display at the Lions State Convention. Representatives from the Jackson Metropolitan Lions Club, themselves visually handicapped, spoke to five surrounding Lions Clubs primarily to inspire donations for the new Lions Building but also describing the MLC service from the patron's viewpoint.

For Children's Education Week, November 1-4, 1972, the department prepared a display booth at the Jackson Mall manned 12 hours daily by staff, patrons, and volunteers. The 854 people who visited the display included 539 children and 315 adults.

The department head appeared on two television programs in December, 1972. She also reported in MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY NEWS on the Southeastern Regional Symposium on Attitudes Toward Blind Persons, spoke at the Mississippi



Council for the Blind state convention in Jackson, and attended the Southern Conference of Librarians for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Daytona Beach, Florida. The Assistant department head spoke to the Jackson members of the Mississippi Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind at their February 2, 1973, meeting.

# Growth

Growth was slower during this third fiscal year of operation than during the first two years, highlighting the need for aggressive promotion, more consultant work with both libraries and other organizations in contact with the handicapped, and closer followup on all patrons. Much of the general public is still unaware of the service and the handicapped most in need of the service may be too isolated to know that it is available.

While there is a tendency to reach a plateau following a new service's first surge of growth, this department is obligated to continue growing since estimates of eligible Mississippians range to over 50,000 persons.



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#### SERVICE TO THE DISADVANTAGED

Two special projects of service to the disadvantaged were continued in FY 1973: The Amory Special Project and the Sunflower/Bolivar County Library Project.

#### AMORY SPECIAL PROJECT

Funded for the third year by LSCA through the Mississippi Library Commission, the Amory Special Project was conducted by the Tombigbee Regional Library (TRL) in cooperation with the ESEA Title III office of the Amory Public Schools. TRL staff worked closely with Susan Hunt, Reading Specialist in the Title III office. Participating children were selected by school personnel from three Amory schools.

#### Materials

Materials included in the project included art reproductions, filmstrips, cassette tapes, paperback books, and educational games. Art reproductions, bought the year before, were used in classrooms, reading centers, and the Amory Public Library. Children wrote papers on different artists, copied the reproductions, and checked out paintings from the public library. Filmstrips and accompanying cassettes were used in the reading centers at the schools. Books and games were given to the children.

#### Home Visits

Staff members visited in children's homes before and after the book packets were distributed. Follow-up visits were made in the fall to ascertain results of the 1971-72 program. In these visits interviewers tried to determine: (1) how and by whom the books were used, (2) if the books had



helped students in school, (3) if books helped in daily living, and (4) what kinds of books and materials should be included in this year's packets. Most parents and children interviewed considered the program worth continuing. Many parents did not know what books were in the packet and had not used the materials themselves. Most children kept the books in their rooms or under the bed, and some children felt other family members should not use the books. Generally, parents approved of the children's having the books and said they were used well. Some children traded books with other children at school. During the visit, the interviewers also handed out pamphlets on subjects such as fire safety and car buying; left-over pamphlets were included in the 1972-73 packets. Most interviews were taped and are available at TRL.

#### Visits to Schools

To become acquainted with the children and to exchange ideas about the program, the TRL staff interviewed groups of from four to eight students at the schools. In one interview it was learned that an older boy had used his cookbook to bake cupcakes. The staff also shared ideas about the library and about checking out and caring for books.

#### Preparation of Packet Distribution

The packets were put together by Susan Hunt and her staff. In a joint decision, the TRL staff, the three school principals, and Miss Hunt decided to distribute the packets in one week at the Amory Public Library. An original puppet play for the younger children and a Yoga demonstration for the older children were prepared by the TRL staff for presentation at the time of packet distribution.



## Packet Distribution

Distribution of the packets was the most exciting part of the project.

Each day the puppet show or Yoga demonstration was given. An explanation of the purpose of the packets followed and then the children received their packets. A little Christmas morning pandemonium followed as the children emptied their bags and showed others what they had gotten.

#### Follow-Up

It is hoped that a TRL staff member can go back to the schools to see if any academic or social progress has resulted from the experiences and materials included in the project. A more extensive evaluation procedure will be a part of any future projects.

The schools and the TRL staff differed on home use of art reproductions and filmstrips. TRL staff thought children should be able to borrow these items for home use, but the school thought these materials would be best used only at the school.

The distance between library headquarters and Amory, the shortage of professional staff at the Amory library, and possibly the differences in backgrounds between the interviewers and the families may have hindered communication. Closer and more frequent contact between the families and the administrators of the project may have helped improve communication and increase the success of the project.



#### SUNFLOWER/BOLIVAR COUNTY LIBRARY PROJECT

#### Introduction

On December 1, 1971, the Sunflower/Bolivar County Library Project began an outreach program to provide books and other library services for disadvantaged persons. Several factors made such a program desirable:

- Persons within the poverty culture are usually unwilling to seek out or accept existing library facilities
- Mississippi has a high level of illiteracy, particularly among the black population, and it has a high school dropout rate exceeded by only five other states
- 3. The median school years completed in Bolivar County is 6.6; in Sunflower County it is 6.9
- 4. In Sunflower County 45.1% (3,916) of the families have annual incomes below \$3209. In Bolivar County, the rate is 43.1% (4,992 families).

To provide library service to these disadvantaged people, it was decided to place book collections in centers to which they were accustomed, to select books and other materials with their special abilities in mind, and to work with existing agencies already conducting programs for the culturally and economically deprived. These agencies included:

- 1. Community Action Programs
  - a. Head Start
  - b. Neighborhood Youth Corps
  - c. Neighborhood Service Centers
- 2. County Extension Home Economists
- 3. Health Agencies
  - a. County Health Departments
  - b. Tufts Community Hospital

- 4. Welfare Departments
- 5. School Administrators and Adult Education Directors
- 6. Housing Projects
- 7. Municipal Officials
- 8. County Officials
- 9. Department of Early Childhood Education, Delta State College
- 10. Children's Television Workshop
- 11. Churches



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In cooperating with these agencies, it was often possible to meet goals of both the agency and the library project:

Extension Home Economists and health departments welcomed the opportunity to make known their services and provided pamphlets and bulletins for placement in library rooms.

Receipt of an Early Childhood Education grant by Delta State College enabled qualified Head Start teachers to earn college credits through extension courses. Realizing the need for instruction in books and related materials for children, instructors in these courses allowed several hours of instruction by the project director.

City officials in Indianola cooperated by providing library shelving for the Neighborhood Facilities Building.

The three main groups served by the project were Adult Education, Neighborhood Service Centers and housing project centers, and Head Start.

#### Adult Education

In both counties Adult Basic Education classes are offered on two levels (grades 0-4 and 5-8.9) by the public schools. Assistance is also offered to adults in acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to pass the High School Equivalency Examination. In the 1971-72 school term Sunflower County enrolled 205 students; Bolivar had 582.

Meetings with Adult Education directors determined (1) that the library project would provide supplementary reading materials at the schools and acquaint the students with available public library services, and (2) that the CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR MISSISSIPPI ADULT BASIC EDUCATION would serve as a primary guide for sources of materials. Further study revealed the availability of much other material of suitable subject matter and readability.



Each initial book collection numbered 65 volumes. Of the 25 sets ordered, 13 were placed in the schools and 12 in the different centers. Paperbacks and pamphlets constituted most of the collection and required no processing. A mimeographed list of the books grouped by broad subject areas was prepared for the students, and each school was sent a subscription to NEWS FOR YOU, a newspaper for beginning readers.

Books were delivered and a library orientation program was presented at each of the 13 schools in February and March. A brief discussion of the books was followed by a showing of the film "You'll Find It at the Library." Then each student was given a book list, a public library directory, a registration card, an explanation of the procedures and services, and an invitation to use the public library, the bookmobile, and the center library.

Books were left in an adult classroom or on a special shelf in the school library. Traditional library rules were waived to encourage use of the materials. Except for a file box of P-slips listing books checked out, no circulation records were kept.

Student reaction was generally enthusiastic. Books for preparation of the GED examination were especially popular. Classes ended March 31 and in Sunflower County books were placed in the public library for use by the students during the summer break; in Bolivar County the books continued to be available at the schools.

With the opening of Channel 23 in Greenwood, educational television became available to the Delta. The Mississippi Authority for Educational Television sponsors a home-study program "Your Future Is Now" designed for



adults preparing for a high school equivalency examination. Accompanying study guides are available. The library has encouraged students in Adult Education to view the programs in their homes and has provided the students a schedule of lessons offered.

In Cleveland, Adult Education classes were invited to the library for a tour and description of available library services. Visits were made to Benoit, Rosedale, Gunnison, and Pace. More GED study guides and Channing Bete publications have been added to the collections. In communities where the bookmobile stopped regularly, students visited the bookmobile as part of their program.

## Neighborhood Service Centers and Housing Project Centers

To place book collections in centers to which the people are accustomed, the staff chose:

## Sunflower County

Indianola: Bethune Center (Housing project of 264 homes)

St. Benedict the Moor Center (Catholic Community Center)

Neighborhood Facilities Building (NFB)

Moorhead: Eastmoor Community Center (Housing Project of 86 homes)

Bolivar County

Cleveland: East Gate (Housing project of 200 homes)

Neighborhood Service Center

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Duncan: Neighborhood Service Center

Scott: Neighborhood Service Center

Neighborhood Service Centers, sometimes called Neighborhood Facilities
Buildings, have emerged to serve counseling, legal, health, and welfare



needs. The NFB in Indianola also serves 200 Head Start children and all Head Start teachers for workshops. Other activities include sewing classes, teen club activities, Boy Scouts, and NYC classes. Neighborhood Service Centers in Cleveland, Duncan, and Benoit provide transportation for needed services, such as to the Tufts Community Hospital in Mound Bayou. An average of 400-600 persons use these facilities each month.

The housing project centers are headquarters and a training center for the residents of low-income housing projects. The centers are also used as meeting places by groups like the Home Buyers Association, the National Council of Negro Women, Extension Home Economists, and the Head Start teachers.

Library rooms have been established at each of the centers listed above.

Open houses were held to introduce the library facilities. Radio, television, newspapers, hand-outs, church announcements and word-of-mouth invitations to visit the new library rooms were issued. Programs included puppet shows and filmstrip programs for children and the showing of films like "Black Music in America" and "W. C. Handy." Refreshments and door prizes of books and games were awarded.

In 1973 the Duncan NSC was closed and moved to Shelby. The library materials were moved to East Gate. Floods closed the center at Scott and the books were moved to Benoit, but the Extension Home Economist continues to take books to the patrons when she visits for Extension purposes.

Ten sets of 837 books each were initially ordered for the centers. All age levels are included: picture books; study aids and reference materials; practical and recreational adult reading; the adult education collection;



cookbooks donated by Pillsbury, Better Homes and Gardens, and General Mills; subscriptions to 15 general interest magazines and three newspapers.

Additional books have since been added to all libraries.

Most books are paperback and are not processed except for grouping into broad subject areas, which are indicated by a single or double letter notation. Library aides help patrons locate books on the shelves, encourage use of the public library or bookmobile for materials not available in the library room, and note subject areas that should be considered for future book orders.

Check-out of books is much simplified; no rigid dates due are set and no fines charged. Book losses have not been great.

When they are available, Neighborhood Youth Corps workers staff the library rooms. At other times students are employed temporarily. In the smaller centers, the center director serves as the library aide. In 1973 at the ... East Gate Center a former employee of the Bolivar County Library was hired as the year-round library aide. Other staff workers have been supplied by the MLC internship program, PEP program, and Operation Mainstream. Work-shops for library aides have been conducted in both counties. Aides keep a daily record of new patrons, books checked out, and any special activities.

Library hours vary from 23 - 40 per week. At several centers a weekly story hour is conducted by the NYC worker. In the summer of 1972 the reading program "Keep America Beautiful" was highly successful. During National Library Week the Delta State College drama department presented the puppet show "Little Red Shoes" to a record crowd at the East Gate Library. The



theme for the 1973 summer reading program, "Mississippi Showboat," was carried out in all neighborhood libraries. In addition to the regular story hours, a special porgram of films and filmstrips was shown each week with an estimated total attendance of 1,251 persons. At the end of the summer a melodrama puppet show was presented with music, decorations and refreshments.

#### **Head Start**

The project has helped Head Start provide in-service training relating to books and materials for teachers and teacher aides. The project workshops have been closely correlated with the Head Start scheduled on-the-job training and with the Delta State College extension classes. The project director has held classes which have reached a majority of Head Start personnel and has taught at least two sessions of each of the three Early Childhood Education classes offered by Delta State.

Topics included picture book programs, story telling, Mother Goose books, fingerplays, Black literature for children, and use of audio-visual materials. In Sunflower County, the library staff participated in the orientation instruction of all Head Start teachers and aides. The library staff in 1973 assisted in the establishment of library-materials centers at 13 Head Start locations and the central office. Included are books for both teachers and children, records, filmstrips, and A-V equipment, with selection and ordering by the library and processing by Head Start personnel under library direction.

In December, 1972, a one-week Children's Services Workshop sponsored by Sunflower and Bolivar County libraries was held at Delta State College.



Attending Head Start personnel requested similar training for their teachers. Consequently, five 2-day workshops were held for 260 Head Start teachers in both counties. Following these workshops, some teachers brought their classes to the Cleveland library for visits and story hour sessions.

The project has been instrumental in getting Head Start administrators to use "Sesame Street" as part of their curriculum. Mrs. Ollye Shirley, Field Services Coordinator of the Children's Television Workshop was invited to Indianola to meet with Head Start personnel to discuss plans for implementing "Sesame Street." Parents, community organizations, local merchants, and interested citizens helped in securing sufficient television sets for each of the centers. Numerous workshops by the staff of Children's Television Workshop have helped teachers integrate the program with related activities.

To allow parents and children to view "Sesame Street" on video tape, the Sesame Street Bus has visited Indianola, Moorhead, and Cleveland. Mr. Morrow also conducted later programs and training sessions in both counties.

Because of the cooperation with Children's Television Workshop shown by the libraries, Mississippi is one of 4 states chosen for a demonstration

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#### EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENT

#### MAILIBRARY

In its first year in Mississippi MAILIBRARY operated through nine libraries serving 22 counties. The application differed by libraries; one used the mail service to replace bookmobile service, some used it to supplement bookmobile service, and one which had never had a bookmobile used it to reach new rural patrons. In the county which eliminated the bookmobile, many former patrons are now using the libraries in town, some are using the mail service, and many who have never before used the library are now using the mail service.

As a pilot program, MAILIBRARY was supported entirely in its first year and partially in FY 1973 by grants from the Mississippi Library Commission. In subsequent years libraries using the service will be paying on the number of catalogs distributed: \$3.00 per catalog for counties sending them only to specified persons and 86 2/3¢ for counties sending them to all rural patrons.

Some needed changes have become apparent during the year. An insufficient amount was allowed for personnel. The Meridian library, however, as the physical home for MAILIBRARY, allowed its personnel to assist. Needed personnel have been provided for the next year.

Some operations were perhaps too lax. It became necessary to send overdue notices one month after the books went out, but most books were then returned. No patrons have been billed for lost books, but many have written in to ask the price due for books lost or destroyed.



Catalog instructions were insufficient so that a flyer with more detailed instructions was sent out. One fact many patrons misunderstood was that they must not include letters or request cards in the packages or attach the request card to the package.

Very few shut-ins who wanted the mail service could be located.

Within the last month four libraries have secured billboard space advertising MAILIBRARY. The billboards are being displayed as a public service by outdoor advertising companies.

The printed catalogs and supplements have been conducive to the patrons' enjoyment of the mail service. In addition to the printed supplements available from the catalog source, occasional single sheet supplements of books not in the basic catalog have been mailed; the most popular of these was a list of books by Mississippi authors. Catalogs are printed in two colors, with illustrations, and with three-color covers individualized for Mississippi MAILIBRARY. Individual libraries have added their names with rubber stamps. The American Paperback Company keeps in stock the titles in the catalog for the period of the catalog's life; books can thus be replaced or added to the original purchase.

The free request cards and free postage both ways have made the service attractive.

The selection of books available in paper is good; people are tempted by the pictures and annotations. Most requests are similar to those on bookmobiles, but the variety of requests seems greater.



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Printing of request return cards and mailing bags is easier, cheaper, and faster done locally rather than purchasing from a central source.

Many librarians guessed wrong on the number of copies needed of the various titles. Many things were over-ordered; some books in surprising demand later on were under-ordered.

A problem was experienced with patrons living outside the counties being served by MAILIBRARY. These people received catalogs because postal routes cross county lines; others received them from friends. Requests came even from other states. While MLC was funding the program, all Mississippi citizens who made requests were served, but in the coming year it will be possible to serve only those persons who live within the counties supporting the service. Catalog bundles will be marked for distribution only in those counties. It is hoped that in the future persons in other counties will be able to receive mail service from their own libraries.

Circulation was highest in early spring, the usual pattern for local libraries in this area. At the end of the first 11 months, there were 5,169 mail service patrons representing 16% of the number of catalogs distributed. It is thought that many first year catalogs may have been discarded because the people did not understand what the service was. Total circulation for the 11 months was 50,011 books, or an estimated annual rate of 54,000 books. An average of 1,557 packages were mailed each month, with about twice the average being mailed the first month. Fewest packages were mailed in July. Use by children in the summer was disappointing; an average of 239 requests per month from children during the summer months. Each child received about four books.



In Lauderdale County, MAILIBRARY replaced bookmobile service. The 1,395 mail service users represented 17% of the catalogs sent out. Of these users, 846 had never before used the library, 183 had formerly used the bookmobile, and 225 had used the library in town. A number of former bookmobile users are now consistently using the main library in Meridian.

In Lauderdale County, the last year of bookmobile operation cost a little over \$13,700; the cost of MAILIBRARY to Lauderdale County for next year will be \$7,068. Per patron costs equal \$8.88 and \$5.06 respectively, but the per patron cost will drop to less than \$4.00 with the projected increase in users during the coming year. Estimated total costs to circulate one book next year (including purchase, personnel, mailing and other expenses) will be about 40¢.

Librarians, asked to comment on the contrast between bookmobile service, town library service and MAILIBRARY service and on the effect of MAILI-BRARY on the use of other libraries made these comments:

## From libraries sending MAILIBRARY service only to those requesting it:

As to the effect MAILIBRARY has had on our library and branches: it has not hurt our circulation at all; it has really helped to let people know that we are interested in them and their needs and are doing our best to provide service in any way we can.

MAILIBRARY has increased our circulation. A few patrons have never had any library service before and some use the main library whenever possible, but are enthusiastic over MAILIBRARY.

## From a library distributing catalogs to all rural residents:

Cannot be determined, but have had one user say "Goodbye branch, hello MAILIBRARY" - do not notice decline in branch circulation, except in two towns-may or may not be due to weather, MAILIBRARY, books or Watergate.



## From the library discontinuing bookmobile service:

MAILIBRARY highly justified - more acceptable to the rural people as a whole than the bookmobile was. Many people who felt a certain shyness about using the bookmobile as well as those who were never at home when it came by are now getting service through MAILIBRARY. Many of these people who are in town most days have realized that the main library is much more effective for their purposes than the bookmobile or MAILIBRARY.

Three other librarians say that they can see no effect whatever on the use of their bookmobile or their branches from the MAILIBRARY service.

Two additional libraries will offer the service next year, and two other libraries who decided too late that they wanted the service are still hoping to add it. A fifth library serving five counties is interested in joining the third year.

Some counties have not received the benefits they expected; others have been more than pleased. Nobody is ready to give up yet, for many are sure that mail service can be as effective as the bookmobile.

Weaknesses in MAILIBRARY are: (1) the newest books are unavailable in paperback, (2) the greatest variety is not available, and (3) the personal touch of the librarian is missing. But MAILIBRARY is adaptable and can be fitted into any format, thus making it a useful and desirable service in Mississippi.





#### PERSONNEL GRANTS

The most significant step toward meeting the objectives of the Long Range Program in FY 1973 was the funding by the Legislature of the State Personnel Grants Program.

This program, funded at a higher level for FY 1974, will do much to insure that qualified librarians are hired in the public libraries of the state, even in those libraries previously unable to afford professional salaries. Both the quality of local service and the effectiveness of the state library agency will be enhanced by employment of professional librarians in local libraries.

This program is also the first clear recognition of library services as a legitimate function of state government as well as of local government.

The policies set by MLC in administration of the program are a first tentative step toward uniformity in qualifications for librarians and in the equality of salaries across the state.

Following is a list of those libraries receiving state personnel grants in FY 1973, the potential population to be served by each, and the amount of the grant.



## STATISTICAL DATA FOR LIBRARY SYSTEMS PARTICIPATING IN PERSONNEL GRANTS PROGRAM

Name of Library	Location	Type of Organization	Population	Amt. of Gra
Bolivar County Library	Cleveland	County	49,409	\$17,482
Capital Area Regional Library	Raymond	Multi-County	115,882	33,276
Clarksdale Public Library	Clarksdale	City-County	40,447	20,918
Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library	Hazlehurst	Multi-County	34,044	9,693
Dixie Regional Library	Pontotoc	Multi-County	31,986	9,693
East Mississippi Regional Library	Quitman	Multi-County	47,693	14,574
First Regional Library	Hernando	Multi-County	117,293	48,684
Greenwood-Leflore Public Library	Greenwood	County	42,111	16,824
Gulfport-Harrison County Library	Gulfport	City-County	79,926	36,204
Hattiesburg Public Library	Hattiesburg	City-County	57,849	18,112
Jackson-George County Library System	Pascagoula	Multi-County	100,434	34,226
Jackson Municipal Library	Jackson	City	153,968	59,037
Judge George W. Armstrong Library	Natchez	City-County	37,293	9,693
Kemper-Newton Library System	Union	Multi-County	29,216	11,015
Laurel-Jones County Library	Laurel	County	56,357	16,245
Lee-Itawamba Libraries	Tupelo	Multi-County	62,995	34,397
Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Regional Library	Brookhaven	Multi-County	45,346	18,375
Lowndes County Library	Columbus	County	49,700	17,780
Madison County Library	Canton	County	29,737	8,592
Meridian Public Library	Meridian	Municipal	67,087	34,021
Mid-Mississippi Regional Library	Kosciusko	Multi-County	77,376	30,387
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Oktibbeha County Library	Starkville	County	28,752	\$ 8,592
Pike-Amite Library System	McComb	Multi-County	45,519	19,253
Pine Forest Regional Library	Richton	Multi-County	54,922	15,098
Rankin County Library	Jackson	County	43,933	16,824
Ricks Memorial Library	Yazoo City	Multi-County	38,978	18,602
Sunflower County Library System	Sunflower	County	25,149	9,693
Tombigbee Regional Library	West Point	Multi-County	71,370	19,174
Vicksburg Public Library	Vicksburg	City-County	44,981	15,467
Washington County Library	Greenville	City-County	70,581	29,371
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#### INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

As a means of encouraging students to pursue careers as professional public librarians in Mississippi, MLC conducts an annual summer internship program. In 1973 ten students were selected as interns on the basis of professor's recommendations, grade point averages, and interest in the profession.

A two-day orientation workshop in Jackson gave the interns an overview of MLC's activities, a look at library work at University Hospital, Mississippi Crippled Children's Treatment and Training Center, the Educational Media Services of the State Department of Education, and a demonstration at Jackson Metropolitan of the state's first library video cassette system. Twenty-eight public library representatives joined the interns for this workshop.

#### SUMMER 1973 INTERNS

NAME	COLLEGE	LIBRARY ASSIGNMENT
Blackledge, Peggy Byra, Susan Hoggatt, Barbara Dancy, Lynda Forbus, Betty Graves, Nell Jordan, Martha Ann Mullins, Brenda Taylor, Ann Till, Diane	Mississippi College Western Carolina Copiah Lincoln MSCW Delta State MSCW MSCW MSCW Delta State Copiah-Lincoln	Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Kemper-Newton Sunflower County First Regional Tombigbee Regional Ricks Memorial Hattiesburg Public Lee-Itawamba Carnegie, Clarksdale Mid-Mississippi



## JULY-AUGUST 1972 INTERNS

NAME	COLLEGE	LIBRARY ASSIGNMENT
Devine, Lou Helen Dulaney, Susan Flynn, Bettie H.	Jackson State Univ. of Miss. USM	Waterways Experiment Sta. First Regional Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin
Jackson, Melinda Parrish, Talulah Patterson, Dianne	Mississippi College East Miss. JC MSCW	Lowndes County Ricks Memorial Lee-Itawamba
Shields, Karolyn Smith, Susan Speer, Ellen Williams, Vicki	Jackson State MSCW MSCW Delta State	Jackson Municipal Judge George Armstrong Carnegie, Clarksdale Vicksburg-Warren Co.



#### WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

July 20, 1972:

Humanities Workshop - to inform public librarians about the general goals of the Mississippi Committee for the Humanities. This workshop was sponsored cooperatively by the Mississippi Committee on the Humanities and the Mississippi Library Commission.

Attendance: 30 public librarians; 4 members of the Mississippi Committee for the Humanities; 14 staff members of the Mississippi Library Commission.

October 16-17,1972: Tutor Training Workshop - a two-day workshop for persons wishing to volunteer their services as tutor trainers and coordinators in the Volunteers for Reading program, a Mississippi Right to Read effort. This workshop under the sponsorship of the Mississippi Library Commission, the Mississippi Library Association, the Mississippi District Y.W.C.A. and the Parent-Teachers Association was conducted by representatives of the National Reading Center. Attendance: 91

January 11, 1973: National Library Week - State Citizens' Committee and

Steering Committee. A workshop to set goals for National
Library Week Committee.

February 6-7, 1973: Cooperative Workshop - planned by Public Library Section,
Mississippi Library Association and the Mississippi
Library Commission. Workshop topics included legislation
as pertaining to libraries, the SELA self-study, a proposed cooperative film program, cooperative cataloging,
and the utilization of educational television in public



libraries. Library administrators, trustees and members of Mississippi Library Association were invited to attend.

February 8, 1973: National Library Week - a workshop for local chairmen conducted by the State Chairman and Citizens' Committee.

April 5-6, 1973: The LSCA Advisory Council met to consider: (1) revision of the Basic State Plan and the Long Range Program for Library Development (including the extension of the program through 1977) and (2) the Annual Programs for FY1974.

April 11, 1973: Friends of Libraries - Organizational meeting for a statewide Friends group which was named Friends of Mississippi Libraries, Inc.

May 1-2, 1973: The LSCA Advisory Council and the Mississippi Library
Association Special Committee, Long Range Program for
Library Development in Mississippi. The two groups
reviewed and worked on the updating of the Long-Range
Program.

June 11-12, 1973: Orientation Workshop - for summer interns to which library staff members and administrators also were invited.

## Institutional Librarians Workshops.

Quarterly workshops for institutional librarians serve to bring these librarians together at various institutions over the state to discuss common problems and to see the library programs at these institutions.



During Fiscal 1973 workshops were held at the following

institutions where libraries have been established by

the Mississippi Library Commission:

September 5, 1972: Columbia Training School, Columbia

December 5, 1972: University Hospital, Jackson

March 28, 1973: Mississippi School for the Deaf, Jackson

May 29, 1973: Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield



#### CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT

#### TITLE II - LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

Since July 1, 1964, when the new Library Services and Construction Act (P.L. 88-269) became effective, providing library construction funds for the first time, 33 new or renovated library buildings have been completed in Mississippi, with another one almost finished. From 1969 to 1972 there has been a marked reduction in Title II ISCA funds, with none as yet released for 1973 and none in sight for 1974. A recapitulation of LSCA funds, Title II, allocated to Mississippi follows:

Year	Amount	Libraries Built
1965	<b>\$</b> 419 <b>,</b> 383	7
1966	և21,161	11
1967	508,292	6
1968	354,809	5
1969	139,226	1
1970	122,724	2
1971	114,164	1
1972	145,376	1 (90% completed)

## Library Building Completed

The <u>Columbus-Lowndes County Library</u>, Columbus, our only Fiscal 1971 project under Title II, was completed and opened for service on May 6, 1973. The building contains 27,564 square feet, housing the headquarters of the Lowndes County Library System and Columbus Public Library. Other units of this system are located at Artesia and Caledonia, with a new library planned for the town of Crawford. The population of this library service area is approximately 50,000. The new library was financed through the following sources:

City of Columbus	•	\$ 205,836
Private Donations		100,517
Appalachian Regional	Comm.	200,000
LSCA	•	94,164
		\$ 600,517



## Fiscal 1972

The Madison County-Canton Public Library, Canton, received all of the Title II funds from LSCA for 1972, \$145,376. Madison County and the City of Canton combined their funds, with the project budget as follows:

Madison	County	\$109,134
City of	Canton	48,000
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Construction cost for the 11,200-square-foot facility ran \$23.40 per square foot. The building is almost finished and should be opened for service in late 1973 or early 1974. It will house the Canton Public Library and the Madison County Library System headquarters, with other units at Flora, Madison and Ridgeland, serving a total population of approximately 30.000.

## Fiscal 1973 and Later

# CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF LIBRARIES (TOWNS) WAITING FOR LSCA FUNDS, TITLE 11 August 1, 1973

Town	Application Date	Library Size	Local Funds Needed	Federal Funds	Total
BAY ST. LOUIS	4-5-67	11,000	\$ 104,880	\$157,320	\$262,200
ACKERMAN	9-12-67	3,700	39,376	59,064	98,440
SENATOBIA .	9-15-67	6,000	70,768	106,152	176,920
SHELBY	9-26-67	3,000	32,312	48,468	80,780
UNION	10-16-67	3,800	40,664	60,996	101,660
MORTON (Addition)	2-8-68	2,078	20,208	30,312	50,520
PONTOTOC	3-5-68	11,000	108,344	162,516	270,860
LELAND	3-20-68	7,000	66,960	100,440	. 167,400
BOONEVILLE	4-17-68	7,500	64,040	,. 96,060	160,100
BRUCE	7-3-68	3,000	31,912	47,868	79,780
MENDENHALL	10-23-68	3,500	35,680	53,520	89,200



<u>Town</u>	Application Date	Library Size	Local Funds Needed	Federal Funds	<u>Total</u>
ENTERPRISE	1-2-69	2,500	29,600	44,400	74,000
COLUMBIA	9-1-70	10,000	86,320	129,480	215,800
MAGEE	12-1-70	3,800	38,624	57,936	96,560
CALHOUN CITY	12-11-70	2,500	26,000	39,000	65,000
POPLARVILLE	12-11-70	5,100	49,728	74,592	124,320
MOORHEAD (Remodeling)	12-16-70	1,500	18,000	27,000	45,000
DURANT (Remodeling-Addition)	2-2-71	3,000	31,440	47,160	78,600
EUPORA	2-18-71	3,500	40,080	60,120	100,200
WEST POINT	3-3-71	14,000	129,920	194,880	324,800
CRENSHAW	4-1-71	2,500	27,060	40,590	67,650
PHILADELPHIA	4-7-71	7,000	66,360	99,540	165,900
NEW ALBANY (Addition)	5-26-71	2,800	. 33,040	49,560	82,600
SOUTHAVEN	7-29-71	12,000	\$ 145,600	\$218,400	\$364,000
LAKE	8-7-71	2,500	23,880	35,820	59,700
LIBERTY	11-1-71	_2,500	. 26,000	39,000	65,000
McCOMB	11-1-71	3,850	42,468	63,702	106,170
JACKSON (Mall Branch)	3-24-72	14,000	171,600	257,400	429,000
JACKSON (Highway 80	3-24-72	9,000	104,800	157,200	262,000
Branch) MONTICELLO	4-4-72	5,500	52,240	78,360	130,600
PEARL	6-30-72	15,000	180,000	270,000	450,000
GREENWOOD	10-31-72	20,000	240,000	360,000	600,000
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The above tables are presented to show the great need for additional funding of Title II, LSCA. As noted, the <u>Bay St. Louis</u> library would receive the next grant of LSCA construction funds, having had their application on file since April 5, 1967. Work has already been done on the Bay St. Louis project in anticipation of receiving CA funds; the architect has done a preliminary plan that can be finished on short

notice, the lot has been ready for construction for several years, and a favorable flood-hazard appraisal has been secured from the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Other work in general planning for either new or renovated library buildings has been done in the following towns on the above-mentioned list: <u>Union, Morton</u>, <u>Pontotoc</u>, <u>Leland</u>, <u>Bruce</u>, <u>Columbia</u>, <u>Magee</u>, <u>Moorhead</u>, <u>Durant</u>, <u>Eupora</u>, <u>West Point</u>, <u>Philadelphia</u>, <u>New Albany</u>, <u>McComb</u>.

The long list of towns waiting for LSCA Title II construction funds has been changed since the last report, which showed 34 applications. Three towns have been removed and one added. Towns removed were: <u>Waynesboro</u>, <u>Sardis</u> and <u>Magnolia</u>. The town of Waynesboro built a library with town and gift funds; Sardis and Magnolia are planning libraries to be built with revenue sharing funds.

## Revenue Sharing Funds for Libraries

Since the last report the passage of the revenue sharing legislation has made a dramatic impact on library programs. Beginning in October last year when the bill was passed, the Construction Department of the Mississippi Library Commission has contacted librarians, library trustees, officials of county and municipal governments, urging them to use revenue sharing funds to build or improve library buildings.  $^{
m C}$ ommission sent letters to 58 towns which had made application for LSCA construction funds or had otherwise asked for help in building libraries and equipping them. response has been very good, with revenue sharing funds being allocated not only for construction and equipment, but for books and audio-visual materials. As a result, the Construction staff has been intensely busy on new building programs and planning. even designing floor plans for several libraries. A few towns have initiated their own library projects, asking the Commission for planning assistance. Eighteen library systems involving 32 libraries in Mississippi have received (or had committed) revenue sharing funds in the amount of \$1,609.91h as of June 30, 1973, of which \$1,410,950 is for construction affecting 23 libraries. It should be noted that, while revenue sharing is a great boon in many ways, it has not wered the need for LSCA Title II funds. The amounts granted through revenue

sharing have not been adequate, in most cases, for the need. The exception to this in the recapitulation which follows is <u>Tunica</u> which had no application on file for LSCA Title II funds. The allocation of \$60,550 to <u>Bay St. Louis</u> is a good start, but \$262,200 is the minimum needed at the present time.

RECAPITULATION, REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR LIBRARIES (RECEIVED OR COMMITTED)
Mississippi Public Libraries as of JUNE 30, 1973

LIBRARY SYSTEM	SERVICES (books,A-V	CONSTRUCTION	EQUIPMENT
	materials, etc.) S	\$	. <u>\$</u>
Carnegie Public Library of Clarksdale & Coahoma County Clarksdale	10,000	20,000	
City-County Public Library Bay St. Louis		<b>60,5</b> 50	
Copian-Jefferson Regional Library Hazlenurst		.23,000	
East Mississippi Regional Library. Heidelberg	••	1,400	,
First Regional Library Tunica Sardis	• •	. 176,000 20,000	26 <b>,</b> 000
Harrison County Library System Pass Christian			15,000
Hattiesburg Public Library Hattiesburg	10,000		
Holmes County Library West (library-city Hall)	•	8,000	
Jackson-George Regional Library System Vancieave Hurley St. Martin		25,000 25,000 25,000	•
Jackson Metropolitan Library System Clinton D'Lo Forest	293 5 <b>,</b> 000		3,000
Judge George W. Armstrong-Library:	9,400		4
Kemper-Newton Regional Library System Hickory Scooba (library-city hall) Union Chunky (library-city hall) ERIC	2,151	1,000 20,000 10,000	

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LIBRARY SYSTEM		SERVICES	CONSTRUCTION EQU	IPMENT
Meridian Public Library Meridian	· . · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	30,000	 · .	
Northeast Regional Library Burnsville	•		15,000	5,000
Pike-Amite Library System  McComb Osyka Progress Magnolia			32,000 10,000-12,000(counted 13,000-20,000(counted 65,000	12,000)
Pine Forest Regional Library Runnelstown Sumrall Wiggins			20,000 30,000 5,000	
Sunflower County Library System Moorhead			1,000	•
Walthall County Library Tylertown	•	.•	•	1,000
Washington County Library System Greenville		24,980		56,100
		\$91,864	\$ 610,950	107,100
		GRAND T	OTAL \$80	9.914.

## CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, TITLE I

The Commission's Construction Department assisted public libraries throughout Mississippi in maintaining, improving, or extending library service. This work consisted of making inspection trips; submitting recommendations of various kinds relating to buildings; ordering and installing equipment; moving equipment; rearranging libraries; sketching floor plans and equipment layouts; talking with city and county officials and library trustees in promoting building projects; and attending to the many details of getting new libraries opened, even working up the building dedication program. These activities for the past year are described below.



#### PRESENT PROJECTS

## New Library Buildings Opened

The following towns have new libraries, with assistance from the Mississippi Library Commission in various capacities of planning the building and/or equip-

ment:

Ashland - funds provided by Farm Bureau in combination building

Waynesboro - built by City of Waynesboro and gift funds

Marks - built with city and EDA funds

Columbus - funds from LSCA, Title II, Appalachian Regional Commission, City of Columbus, private philanthropy

Inverness - a city hall-library built with federal disaster funds following the 1971 tornado

Pass Christian - funds from Harrison County, Pass Christian (revenue sharing) and "We Care" funds from the public following Hurricane Camille

Ocean Springs - funds from City of Ocean Springs

Commission Construction staff assisted in planning libraries and their equipment in the towns listed below in the order of construction progress:

1. New Libraries Not Yet Opened

Tunica - funds from county revenue sharing

Hazlehurst - funds from city revenue sharing

Runnelstown - funds from county revenue sharing

Scooba - funds from city revenue sharing

Osvka - funds from county revenue sharing (a new addition to library)

Van Cleave - funds from county revenue sharing

Hurley - funds from county revenue sharing

Glen Allan - funds from HUD

Newton - funds from City of Newton

## New Libraries Approaching Construction

Magnolia - funds from city revenue sharing

St. Martin - funds from county revenue sharing

Burnsville - funds from city revenue sharing

Progress - funds from county revenue sharing

Sumrall - funds from county revenue sharing



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#### 3. Library Remodeling Projects

Moorhead - first stage finished; financed by gift funds

Aberdeen - funds from city

West - funds from city revenue sharing, project not started yet

McComb - by city-county revenue sharing, project not started

Ruleville - funds not yet determined

Belzoni - funds not yet determined

Vardaman - funds not yet determined

Sunflower - funds not yet determined

## Equipment

Many libraries ask the Commission to advise on space rearrangement, ordering and setting up of equipment. The following libraries have thus been served during the past year: Clinton, Forest, Long Beach, Pontotoc, Calhoun City, Gulfport, Shaw, Jackson, Laurel, Sandersville, Union, Van Cleave, Brookhaven, Bassfield, Merigold, Mathiston, Purvis, Pearl, Corinth, Tupelo, Ellisville, McComb, McLain, Iuka, West Point, Poplarville, Durant.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

Library building programs were prepared during the past year for these towns:

Wiggins	Lumberton	McComb
<u>Leakesville</u>	Vicksburg	
Oxford	<u>Fayette</u>	•
Orange Grove	Winona	

Detailed and intense work has been done in the following towns in efforts to promote and finalize building projects:

Vicksburg	Philadelphia
Oxford	Eupora
Taylorsville	Pontotoc



#### SPECIAL PROJECTS

## Work with Other State Agencies

The Construction Department of the Commission was asked for professional advice on ordering and installation of equipment in the following state agencies:

Mississippi Research and Development Center Library

State Department of Public Welfare Library

Air and Water Pollution Control Commission Library

Mississippi Law Library

## Work on Office Space for Mississippi Library Commission

The Construction Department did extensive work in the planning, reorganizing and moving of all departments of the Commission. This involved the following procedures:

- Plans for relocating Administration, Reference, Acquisitions and Circulation departments to the 13th and 14th floors of the Woolfolk Building, which did not materialize.
- 2. Plans and the moving of Reference, Acquisitions, Circulation and Processing from two locations to one location.
- 3. Plans for the future moving of Administration to the 11th floor of Woolfolk Building; temporary rearrangement of several offices.
- 4. Plans for and the imminent move of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to new quarters in the city.



#### RIGHT TO READ

The Library Commission was co-sponsor for a tutor training workshop conducted by the National Reading Center in October 1972. An ad hoc committee composed of representatives from the Mississippi Library Association, the Mississippi District YWCA, the PTA, the State Department of Education, the Retired Teachers Association, the Mississippi Library Commission, and others met numerous times to perfect the preliminary plans for the workshop, work out details of the program and analyze the results. MLC provided all publicity for both the workshop and the resulting program which was called VOLUNTEERS FOR READING and also served as a clearing house for information regarding tutors and turoring programs in the state. Exhibit A which is attached gives a chronological outline of a year of activity of the porgram.



#### OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

#### <u>Title I, Project I - Regional Development</u>

The Jackson Municipal Library merged with the Capital Area Regional Library to form the Jackson Metropolitan Library System. The new system serves the counties of Hinds, Scott, Simpson, and Smith with a population of 269,850. Other counties are expected to affiliate with Jackson Metropolitan in Fiscal 1974.

Marion and Jefferson Davis Counties joined to form the Marion-Jefferson Davis Regional Library with headquarters at Columbia. This library serves a population of 35,807.

Consultants from the Library Commission laid the groundwork for the expected combination of the various municipal libraries in Harrison County into one library system. This county has a population of 134,582, the second largest in the state.

#### Title I, Project IV - Per Capita and Equipment Grants

The Library Commission awarded \$23,669.45 in per capita grants to 15 public library systems and an equipment grant of \$946.71 to the Madison County Library. A list of libraries receiving these grants follows:

<u>Library</u>	Amount	Population Served
Dixie Regional Library	799.65	31,986
Capital Area Regional Library	2,897.05	115,882
Northeast Regional Library	2,140.23	85,609
Lee-Itawamba Libraries	1,574.88	62,995
Kemper-Newton Regional Library	730.40	29,216
Pine Forest Regional Library	1,373.05	54,922
Lincoln-Lawrence-Franklin Regional Library	1,133.65	45,346
Tombigbee Regional Library	1,784.25	65,213



Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library	851.10	34,044
Mid-Mississippi Regional Library	1,934.40	77,376
Pike-Amite Library System	1,137.98	45,519
First Regional Library	2,932.33	117,293
Ricks Memorial Library	974.45	38,978
Marion-Jefferson Davis Regional Library	895.18	35,807
Jackson-George Regional Library System	2,510.85	100,434
Madison County Library	946.71	29,737

Per Capita	\$23,669.45
Equipment	946.71
	\$24,616.16

## State Funding

For Fiscal Year 1974, the State Legislature approved a contingency fund for the Library Commission to replace any lost LSCA funds. The contingency fund is not in addition to LSCA funds, but is to be used only to continue at the same level programs begun with LSCA funding but for which federal funds are reduced or eliminated in Fiscal Year 1974. This contingency fund assures that the Library Commission will be able to continue the same level of services. The contingency funds are based on LSCA funding for FY 1972.

